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Application No. 09/802,493	:	TO WITHDRAW
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed on January 8, 2009.

The request is **NOT APPROVED** as moot.

Pursuant to the Official Gazette: Change in Procedure for Requests to Withdraw from Representation in a Patent Application, any Requests filed after a patent has issued will be placed in the file but will generally not be treated on their merits. Sections 2540 and 2542 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) explain that a practitioner does not have to request permission to withdraw as practitioner of record under 37 CFR 1.36 in order to change the address in a patented file and to direct notices, receipts and other communications relating to maintenance fees. Sections 2540 and 2542 of the MPEP recommend the designation of a "fee address" or the submission of a change in the correspondence address in the patented file for directing correspondence relating to maintenance fee payments and other correspondences after issuance. See Form PTO/SB/47, entitled, "Fee Address" Indication Form and Form PTO/SB/123, entitled, Change of Correspondence Address, Patent.

The change in practice in this notice applies to Requests filed on or after May 12, 2008.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to above-listed address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant or a proper change of correspondence address have been submitted.

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